

I. *A Letter from Dr Davies to Sir Charles Holt, containing a relation of a person who voided many Hydatides in her Urine.*

A Gentlewoman between 40 and 50 years of age, in the Autumn 97, drank some Aluminous Waters for a month or five weeks, and in a months time after the use of these Waters, found a pain in the Renal region, where she never had been afflicted with any before; this pain returned after the first Paroxysm in about a months time, and afterwards more frequently, till about the *Christmas* following it visited her every day; about which time she sent for me; and had when I came to her the Symptoms of a Stone in her Left Kidney, *viz.* a grinding, and sometimes a very acute pain on that side of the *Spina Dorsæ*, a Vomiting, her Urine during the Paroxysm tinged with Blood, and in it Bloody *Ramenta*; but what most surprized me, a dozen at least of *Hydatides*, some of the biggest of them  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch long, their circumference equalled that of an ordinary Goose-quill; in shape they exactly represented the *Vesicula Natatoria* in Fish, growing smaller about the middle, as those generally do, and were filled with a Liquor, which my taste and smell made me believe to be Urine; I never discovered any Pus in her Urine, nor had she any pain at the Sphincter of the Bladder, nor in the *Meatus Urinarius*, either before, at, or after making Urine. The Paroxysm lasted generally 3 or 4 hours; as soon as these *Hydatides* came away, (which they did not all at once making water, but at several times) the pain in her Back, &c. abated very sensibly, and she continued easie and well the rest of the day, excepting an external forenels, which the pain had caused.

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I thought these *Vesiculae* at first to be Membranous, since their consistence was so tough as to bear taking out of the Chamber-pot and gentle handling, but afterwards was convinced that they ow'd their origin to a glutinous slimy matter, because upon long standing in Urine or fair Water they quite disappeared and were dissolved, making the Water or Urine to look thick and turbid. By the use of Medicines all these Symptoms disappeared, and she continued well when I last heard from her, which was about two months ago.

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*Part of a Letter from Rome to Mr John Monro, giving an account of what Books are lately Printed, and now Printing in Italy.*

**P** *Filippo Bonani* a Jesuit, will print this year a Catalogue of the Writers of his Society, to the year 1700. Sen. *Valsmieri* (Physician of *Rhegium*) in *Padua* has wrote *de insectis*. Sen. *Ramazzeni* has wrote lately *de morbis Aurificum*. Sen. *Gulielmini* of *Bononia* has wrote lately in *Padua*, a Book *de motu Sanguinis*. Sen. *Pascoli* of *Perusia*, *de motibus animalium*. Sen. *Fabra* Physician at *Ferrara* has wrote *de Arthritide*.

The Abbot *Marescelli* of *Florence* is preparing an Alphabetical Dictionary of matters treated of by Authors. Cavalier *Mandosi* is preparing to print a Book called *Biblioteca degli ordini equestri*. The Abbot *Fontanini* is causing to be printed all the works of *Heronimus Aleander*. *Gioseppe Terzi* is printing in a new method Ephemerides to the year 1750. Sen. *Fausto Naironi* has wrote 2 dissertations, one *de primatu linguarum*, the other *an prima editio novi testamenti fuerit Syraica an Græca*, he holds the first side. In *Florence* they are preparing 2 Tomes of the lives of excellent Painters by Sr *Filippo Baldinucci*. The 2d is posthumous, and is of the most famous men of the State of *Florence*.